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Guidance for Part A Providers Switching to Electronic Remittance Advices (ERAs)

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Provider Types Affected

Providers who bill fiscal intermediaries (FIs)

Key Points

- The effective date for the instruction is on the 31st day after providers switch to the ERAs.
- The implementation date is January 1, 2005.
- FIs are not allowed to send providers Standard Paper Remittance (SPR) Advices if the providers have switched to receiving electronic remittance advices (ERAs).
- FIs can allow providers to receive a hard copy remittance in addition to the ERAs during the first 30 days of receiving the ERAs and during other testing. After that time, FIs are not allowed to send an SPR to providers in addition to the electronic transmission.
- To help assist in the development and execution of the electronic transfer of remittance advice data and/or payment, see the Medicare Part A Implementation Guide 4A.01 for the ANSI ASC X12 835 Version 003051.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0447.pdf>

For more information on ERAs, affected providers should refer to the Medicare Electronic Billing & EDI web page at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/11_Remittance.asp#TopOfPage on the CMS web site.

Providers may also refer to Chapter 22 of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Publication 100-4, which can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c22.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If affected providers have any questions regarding this issue, they may also contact their FI at their toll free number, which is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS web site.

Should an affected provider wish to speak to their FI's contact regarding a switch to ERAs, they should contact their FI's Electronic Data Interchange coordinator. Their phone number may be found at the Electronic Billing and EDI transactions web page at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/01_Overview.asp#TopOfPage on the CMS web site.